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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1) (Currently amended): A method of making product wraps, comprising the steps of:

causing a continuous strip of wrapping material, presenting at least two bands of adhesive extending parallel with its longitudinal dimension, to advance along a predetermined path;

cutting the strip transversely along dividing lines to obtain a plurality of leaves each presenting longitudinal edges coinciding with relative dividing lines;

establishing at least one portion between the two adhesive bands and coinciding with each transverse dividing line from which to initiate an easy tear along a direction substantially transverse to the longitudinal edges of the leaf,

generating, on each easy tear portion, at least one first notch on each dividing line, extending parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip and intersecting the dividing line,

generating a second notch, establishing at least one indentation, intersecting transversely each first notch;

associating at least one product with a respective substantially central area of each leaf;

folding each leaf around a relative product and bringing together the two longitudinal edges to form a tubular sheath while positioning the second notches of the two longitudinal edges transversely offset from one another so that the first notches of the two longitudinal edges are also transversely offset from one another;

closing the ends of the tubular sheath to obtain a wrap;

the step of generating the first notch and the second notch being implemented before the step of folding each leaf around the relative product.

~~preceding the step of folding each leaf around a relative product, establishing at least one portion between the two adhesive bands and coinciding with the transverse dividing line from which to initiate an easy tear along a direction substantially transverse to the longitudinal edges of the leaf,~~

~~—generating, on the easy tear portion, at least one notch on each dividing line, extending parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip and intersecting the relative line, and~~  
~~—generating a second notch intersecting transversely the first notch.~~

2) (Cancelled)

3) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the further step of generating a second notch coinciding with the first notch serves to create an indentation and a projection on the opposite longitudinal edges presented by each leaf.

4) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch and the second notch are generated prior to the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing lines.

5) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch and the second notch are generated simultaneously with the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing lines.

6) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 3, wherein the steps of generating the first notch, generating the second notch and cutting the strip transversely along the dividing lines are implemented in sequence.

7) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 3, wherein the second notch presents an outline substantially of one of a "U" shape, a "Vee" shape, a "W" shape, or an "S" shape.

8) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of generating a second notch comprises the subsidiary step of piercing the easy tear portion in such a

way as to create two indentations in each leaf, each presented by a respective longitudinal edge.

9) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing line comprises the subsidiary steps of making two distinct cuts along the selfsame line, each extending from the second notch toward a longitudinal edge of the strip.

10) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of generating at least one first notch parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip is implemented before the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing line.

11) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of establishing an easy tear portion comprises the step of generating at least one segment of broken line appearance positioned to coincide with the transverse dividing line.

12) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 11, wherein the broken line segment extends the full length of the transverse cut made across the strip.

13) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the continuous strip presents second adhesive bands extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip, each coinciding with a relative easy tear portion.

14) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step of twisting the ends of the tubular sheath to produce a sealed double twist wrap.

15) (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step, implemented as the strip advances along the predetermined direction and before the step of generating the notches, of applying the first and second adhesive bands to the selfsame strip.

16-24. (Cancelled)